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ANNUAL REPORTS

—OF THE—

TOWN OFFICERS

---OF---

AMHERST, N. H.

-FOR THE-

YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.





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-OF THE-

Selectmen, Treasurer,

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Trustees of Town Library

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WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Amherst in the County of Hills-borough, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Amherst, on Tuesday the ninth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers

for the year ensuing.

ART. 2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

ART. 3. To raise such a sum of money as may be

necessary for repairing Highways and Bridges.

ART. 4. To raise such a sum of money as may be needed for school purposes.

ART. 5. To raise such a sum of money as may be

necessary for the maintenance of the Town Poor.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the observance of Memorial Day.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Public Library.

ART. 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept, in accordance with the Will of the late Laura E. Belden, a bequest of two hundred dollars.

ART. 9. To see if the Town will vote to build Highway from a given point near Lemuel Fuller's to the shore

of Babboosic Pond.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will vote to have a new appraisal of the real estate in Town.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will vote to buy a new

Hearse, or repair the old one.

ART. 12. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and other officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

ART. 13. To transact any other business that may

legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this nineteenth day of February, 1897.

ALBERT M. PHILBRICK, HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE,

Selectmen of Amherst.

TOWN TREASURER.

CASH RECEIVED.	D_{R}	
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1896,	\$ 62	96
Insurance tax,	10	50
Savings bank tax,	1,717	84
Literary fund,	137	20
Interest on Nutt fund for schools,	156	25
County of Hillsborough,	844	85
Collected taxes of 1895,	868	61
" " 1896,	8,249	43
Notes,	1,724	49
Police court,	600	56
Rent of town hall.	81	75
Cemetery lots sold,	18	00
Interest on Nutt fund for cemetery (E. K. Burtt),	1	50
Interest on taxes of 1895,	12	35
State of New Hampshire, bounty on hawks,	8	50
" " cattle commissions,	90	00
Railroad tax,	330	51
Interest on taxes of 1896,	9	03
Sonhegan National bank, error on interest,	2	50
	\$14,926	83
CR. CASH PAID OUT.	" ,	
State tax,	\$1,795	00
County tax,	1,741	85
Schools (W. W. Sloan, treasurer),	3,046	45
Fire department,	217	5()
Street lights and lighting,	291	14
Highways and bridges,	1,788	07
Soldiers' aid, via county,	715	25
" town,	72	00
County aid,	186	95
Town aid,	409	93
" officers,	821	15
Library appropriation,	200	00
Memorial "	50	00

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Principal and interest,	637 33
School officers,	179 00
Snow bills,	272 81
Town hall expense,	116 39
Miscellaneous,	463 62
Police court expense,	113 47
Water bills,	96 00
New road to Bedford,	1,437* 00
Abatements on taxes of 1896,	138 09
Discount " " 1896,	115 22
Abatements " " 1895,	31 39
	\$14,935 61
DOG ACCOUNT.	Dr.
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1896,	\$127 63
Licenses issued,	157 00
	\$284 63
CR. CASH PAID.	
Treasurer Board of Education,	127 63
Balance in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1897,	\$157 00
RECAPITULATION.	
Whole amount paid out on orders,	14,935 61
Whole amount received by Treasurer,	\$14,926 S3
Balance due Treasurer,	\$8 78
Notes outstanding against town,	6,924 49
	\$6,933 27
In hands of tax collector, \$1,406 10	
Due from county, 62 50	1,468 60
Balance against town,	\$5 ,4 64 67

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

TAX COLLECTOR.

Amount of taxes assessed 1896,		\$9,655 53
Taxes collected,	\$7,996 12	
Abatements of taxes,	138 09	
Discount on taxes,	115 22	
In hands of collector.	1,406 10	
		\$9,655 53
Interest,	\$19 03	
Amount due on taxes Feb. 15, 1896,		\$868 61 5
Taxes collected,	\$837 22	
Abatement of taxes,	31 39	
		\$868 61
Interest on taxes,	\$12 35	

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE P. BOUTELLE, Tax Collector.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vonched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

John H. Dodge: May, June, July, August, September, October, November, January, February,	\$220 61 530 33 334 00 126 73 156 97 225 30 156 44 35 69 2 00	\$1,788 0 7
SNOW BIL	LS.	
K/11(/ 1/1 1/1)	• 27•	
March, May, June, February.	\$37 82 37 53 13 75 183 71	\$272 81 _.
TOWN HA	LL.	
G. H. Hodgman, care town hall, A. C. Decatur, " " G. H. Podgman, supplies, A. C. Decatur, " C. D. Wilson, " R. H. Prince,	\$51 66 35 05 5 50 13 70 7 48 3 00	\$116 39
STREET LIGHTS AN	D SUPPLIES.	
George W. Osgood, lighting lamps, " supplies,	\$206 93 84 21	\$291 14

WATER BILLS.

WATER DIDES.				
Miss Abby Melendy,	\$30	00		
Mrs. E. W. Nichols,		00		
F. C. Taylor,	6	00		
J. F. Hauson, part old bill,	6	00		
F. E. Hutchinson,	3	00		
H. G. Harvell,		00		
Frank Hartshorn,		00		
J. P Trow,		00		
W. S. Peaslee,	5	00		
WATER BILLS.				
A. M. Philbrick,	g	00		
H. W. Manning, old bill,		00		
E. A. Bennett,		00		
Harry Boutelle,		00		
intry bottono,			\$ 96	00
SCHOOLS.				
Appropriation,	\$2753	00		
W. W. Sloan, services on school board, "treasurer and enumerator of	50	00		
scholars,	25	00		
W. W. Sloan, clerk school board,	4	00		
A. J. McGown, services on school board,	50			
S. E. Dodge services on school board,	50	00		
Literary fund,	137	20		
Interest on Nutt fund,	156	25		,
			\$3,225	45
FIRE DEPARTMEN	T.			
F. C. Taylor, pay roll of firemen,	\$190	00		
A. S. Jackson, spanners,	5	00		
R. S. Boutelle, fireward,	5	00		
F. C. Taylor, "		00		
W. W. Sloan, "		00		
George H. Lakin, care engine house,		50		
		00		
G. P. Boutelle, straps for engine,	1	00	50.5.5	- , .
			\$217	9()

TOWN OFFICERS.

Albert M. Philbrick, first selectman,	\$140	00
Horace T. Harvell, second "	129	00
Luther B. Converse, third "	129	00
George P. Boutelle, tax collector.	100	00

Geo. P. Boutelle, Powell raid,	- 6)	23	
" " Manning raid,	;}	86	
" " Broderick trial,	.)	18	
R. S. Boutelle, constable,	5	00	
G. H. Hodgman, police,	2	50	
E. E. Weston, special police, 1895,	2	50	
F. A. Holbrook, supervisor,	15	()()	
J. M. Jackson, "	10	()()	
W. D. Clark, "	10	()()	
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J. M. Jackson, "	ā	()()	
R. F. Knight, election inspector,	5	()()	
H. M. Parker, "	ŏ	00	
Frank C. Taylor, treasurer,	60	00	
William D. Clark, town clerk,	55	00	
E. K. Burtt, sextou,	56		
Albert M. Philbrick, overseer poor farm,	15		
Horace T. Harvell, " "		50	
Luther B. Converse, " " "		()()	
A. C. Decatur,		50	
E. K. Burtt. "		00	
F. C. Taylor, " "		00	
J. E. Upton, auditor,		00	
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C. P. Hartshorn, auditor,		00	
A. M. Wilkins, moderator,			
W. B. Byrd, to balance account at farm,	()	58	ms -11 17
			\$821 I5
TOWN POOR.			
Hillsborough county, board George Merrill, \$	104	()()	
N. H. Asylum for Insane, board Mrs. Drucker,	11	79	
65 65 66 55 66	55	61	
Clark & Sloan, aid to Mrs. Butterfield,	30	()()	
Frank O. Lampson, aid to Mrs. Butterfield,	30	()()	
C. D. Wilson, aid to Mrs. Butterfield,]	53	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance on			
Mrs. Butterfield,	1	75	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance on			
Mrs. Butterfield,	25	()()	
E. K. Burtt, funeral Jane Green,		25	
Emma Green, board " "		50	
" " and care Jane Green,		50	
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance Jane Green,			
o. D. revengin, medical accommence valle circen,	2 600	-	

W. R. Clark, hack for funeral Jane Green,	7 25	
C. D. Wilson, goods for Jane Green,	65	
W. L. Cross, clothes and boots Fred Hill,	7 15	
J. M. Laws, shoes Fred Hill,	1 90	
W. L. Cross, clothes and goods Fred Hill,	7 55	
J. A. Ober, clothes Fred Hill,	3 15	
J. B. Pettengill, examination Mrs. Drucker,	3 00	
A. M. Philbrick, expense taking Mrs. Drucker	0.05	
to Concord,	8 85	# 400 oa
COLDIDAGE ALD DV MOUN		\$409 93
SOLDIERS' AID BY COUN		
Clark & Sloan, goods R. D. Moore,	\$144 00	
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance R. D.		
Moore,	36 3 5	
Clark & Sloan, goods Nancy J. Wetherbee,	78 00	
" " " James P. Webster,	78 00	
" " " Mike Bresnahan,	96 00	
Mrs. Sheehan, house rent Mike Bresnahan,	60 00	
Geo. G. Rideont, farm rent for Chas. Crooker,	50 00	
W. L. Weston, coal for Charles Crooker,	$28 \ 00$	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mike		
Bresnahan,	8 00	
Frederick Chaudler, medical attendance Mike		
Bresnahan,	14 00	
J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance J. P. Webste	er, 4 50	
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	6 40	
	8 00	
Mrs. Colston,	104 00	
		\$715 25
SOLDIERS' AID BY TOW	VN.	
Mrs. Daniel Sheehan, soldiers' aid by town,		
\$6 per month,		\$72 00
COUNTY POOR.		
T. S. Merrow, board D. W. Cram,	\$20 10	
" " " " " "	φ20 10 25 50	
u u u u	19 50.	
u u u u	25 50	
D. F. Thompson, shoes " "	1 75	
J. A. Ober, clothes " "	3 60	
Frederick Chandler, medical attendance Mrs.	0 00	
Story,	1 00	
	1 00	

W. B. Byrd, board Mrs. Story, J. B. Pettengill, medical attendance Mrs. Hold	85 00 len, 5 00	\$186 95
NOTES, PRINCIPAL AND IN	TEREST	
Souhegan National bank, principal and		
interest,	\$526 33	
E. K. Burtt, on Nutt fund interest,	12 00	
Eliza Eaton, interest,	24 00	
Lydia M. Merrill, interest,	60 00	
Benjamin " "	15 00	maam aa
		\$637 33
MISCELLANEOUS.		
C. E. Knight, legal services,	\$25 00	
W. B. Rotch, printing reports and advertisin	g, 64 75	
" insurance,	101 55	
A. C. Decatur, painting cemetery fence,	29 40	
Clark & Sloan, lead and oil,	37 37	
E K. Burtt, labor and material cemetery fend	ce, 16 71	
W. D. Clark, recording births, deaths and		
marriages,	18 80	
Mrs. Scully, land damage,	20 00	
E. K. Burtt, labor and material town farm,	12 75	
Emma L. Clark, copying,	11 50	
W. D. Clark notifying jurors and selectmen,	11 00	
Selectmen, bounty on hawks,	8 50	
A. C Decatur, care and feeding tramps,	6 50	
A. C. Decatur, painting and stock for Congre		
gational church doors,	8 90	
F. C. Taylor, expense to Nashua and Manches		
W. W. Sloan, care town clock,	15 00	
R. H. Prince, mowing common,	5 45	
H. M. Parker, care watering trough,	2 50	
E. C. Eastman, order book, etc.,	2 61	
. M. Philbrick, expense Concord, Manchest		
and Nashua,	3 85	
R. D. Moore, justice of peace warrant,	1 50	
S. B. Webster, feeding tramps,	1 50	
E. C. Eastman, order book and warrants,	1 13	
A. M. Philbrick, postage and stationery,	1 05	
F. C. Taylor, " "	1 12	
E. C. Eastman, order book and warrants,	98	

E. K. Burtt, labor in cemetery,	42 20	
" " Lucy Bhuit lot,	1 50	
J. H. Coggin, digging grave,	3 00	
T. S. Merrow, mowing grass in cemetery,	2 00	
H. T. Harvell, mowing grass.	1 50	
		\$463 62
EXPENSE NEW ROAL),	
Joseph F. Hanson, building road,	\$799 50	
" " railing for road,	28/00	
James Reiley, building bridge,	275 00	
George P. Hadley, surveyor,	42 00	
David Geddes, land damage,	200 00	
W. L. N. I. Peaslee, land damage,	60 00	
John H. Parkhurst, " "	15 00	
Mirton N. Flint, " "	14 00	
H. T. Harvell, cement pipe,	3 50	
		\$1,437 00
POLICE COURT.		
Aaron M. Wilkins, judge,	\$75 00	
Supplies for police court,	36 47	
W. D. Clark, special justice,	2 00	
		\$113 47
MEMORIAL DAY.		
Cyrus Cross, appropriation,		\$50 00
PUBLIC LIBRARY.		
Appropriation,		\$200_00
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ABATEMENT OF TAXES, YE		
Quincy Barnard, taxed to other parties,	\$10.99	
Daniel Sheehan heirs, taxed to other parties,	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	
William E. Hilton, left town,		
O. W. Joslin, taxed in Lyndeboro,	1 57 1 57	
John Holahan, left town, Arthur Hill, " "		
Edward Canley, " "	1 57	
	1 57	
Fred E. Cooley, " " Joseph Gantier, " "	1 57	
Frank L. Macomber, " "	$\begin{array}{ccc} 1 & 57 \\ 1 & 57 \end{array}$	
Edward Leonard, ""		
,	1 57	
Joseph Dancis,	1 57	
George Hale, " "	1 88	

Jason Webb, left town,	2 51
Town farm,	71 90
Thomas Jones, horse taxed in Milford,	78
" over seventy,	1 57
Charles Converse, left town,	1 57
" cause, over tax,	2 51
George W. Davison, " " "	4 71
A. M. Wilkins, " " "	9 42
George F. Bills, cause, tax in Mont Vernon,	1 57
Daniel A. Fletcher, cause, over seventy,	1 57
C. P. Hartshorn, cause, taxed in Milford,	1 52
Phebe Boutelle, cause, over taxed,	6 28

\$138 09

ALBERT M. PHILBRICK, HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, Selectmen of Amherst.

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> C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

> > Auditors.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR.

RECEIPTS OF TOWN FARM.

Milk sold,	\$955 44
Hay "	19 79
Oats and corn fodder sold,	6 65
Potatoes, etc., sold,	4 82
Horse sold,	40 00
Calves sold,	. 14 50
Pork sold,	32 00
Soap grease sold,	10 00
Sacks sold,	68
J. A. Hamilton, board,	3 00
Service of bull,	3 50
Jennison, hay,	5 75
Eggs,	95 92
Chickens and fowls,	36 80
Clapboards,	6 50
G. K. Walker, beef and veal,	70 00
Board of Mrs. Story,	85 00
W. P. Prod to belove account	

W. B. Byrd, to balance account,

\$1,390 35 5 58

\$1,395 93

Due for milk, \$79.20. Lumber at mill, \$60.

EXPENSE OF TOWN FARM.

D. Whiting & Sons, grain, etc.,	\$405	78
C. M. Barrett, carrying milk and ice,	41	71
C. E. Kendall & Co., grinding and grain,	80	68
Hayes, Jennison & Page, groceries,	20	10
W. A. Woodard and D. A. Peabody, phosphat	e, 22	60
George Avery, repairing pump and supplies,		88
Putnam, repairing harness.	2	90
Johnson, pump,	4	42
Pasturing young cattle,	6	00
C. H V. Smith, clapboards and finish,	12	90
Bruce, groceries and supplies,	5	68
James Drewett, two pigs,	5	00
C. F. Wright, one calf,	2	00
W. M. Burnham, one calf,	1	50
Cyrus Cross, shorts,	18	90
Dr. W. T. Russell,	3	00
James Drewett, labor,	40	04
Merrill Bros., coal,	3	00
Fuller horse,	115	00
William Hill, labor,	15	00
Smith, Thayer & Co., pump, box and express,	2	80
F. C. Taylor,	15	15
C. F. Wright, use bull,	5	00
W. F. French, hardware and paint,	13	70
Harlen Gregg, sawing lumber,	16	30
C. D. Wilson, groceries and supplies,	47	36
J. M. Currier, maple sugar,	1	00
Mrs. Smith, four barrels,	1	00
Clark & Sloan, groceries and supplies.	68	71
Charles Pearsons, filing saws,		70
E. P. Bartlett, labor,	20	62
G. K. Walker, killing hogs,	3	()()
J. W. Prince, blacksmithing,	1	00
J. F. Hanson, "	6	69
A. M. Philbrick, chestnut posts,	7	00
" use planter,	1	00
" " drawing out boards,	2	70
" calf,	1	00
Spofford, fish,	5	99
Groceries and supplies,	53	56
Sundries,	11	66

\$1,395 93

 G. K. Walker, meat,
 90

 W. B. Byrd, superintendent,
 300 00

Number tramps lodged and fed, 55.

INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM FEB. 12, 1897.

12 cows,	\$456 00
6 heifers,	120 00
1 bull,	15 00
2 horses,	275 00
12 tons English hay,	216 00
4 tons barley and millet,	60 00
10 tons meadow hay,	80 00
2½ tons corn fodder,	20.00
350 baskets corn,	82 00
Seed corn,	4 50
5 bushels beans,	6 25
Clapboards and shingles,	8 00
146 fowls,	73 00
Harnesses,	55 00
Blankets,	3 00
Two-horse wagon,	110 00
Farm wagon,	36 00
Express wagon,	58 00
Two-horse sled,	46 00
Mowing machine,	38 00
Horse rake,	20 00
Wheel harrow,	23 00
Thomas smoothing harrow,	$1\dot{2} = 00$
Plow,	12 00
Sulky plow,	43 00
Cultivator,	6 00
Dump cart,	18 00
Other farming tools,	45 00
Firewood,	38 00

Grain,	18 00	
Potatoes,	15 00	
Vinegar and barrels,	10 00	
Provisions,	30 00	
Household goods,	200 00	
		82.245 75

ALBERT M. PHILBRICK, HORACE T. HARVELL, LUTHER B. CONVERSE, Selectmen of Amherst.

Amherst, Feb. 20, 1897.
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C. D. WILSON,
J. E. UPTON,
*Auditors.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

HIGHWAY.

Bradford Hill,	\$ 11	00
Mark Bennett,	1	50
Joseph Greenwood,	6	00
Edward N. Carr,		75
M. T. Campbell,	8	50
D. A. Peabody,	48	16
W. L. Weston,	71	30
R. H. Prince,	163	36
John Gould,	1	25
H. W. Manning,	55	05
Oliver Carter,	4	95
T. S. Merrow,		75
Fred Robertshaw,	140	74
Daniel W. Trow,	64	30
Frank W. Read,	33	37
H. P. Odell,	128	75
H. W. Keyes,	28	20
L. P. Cooke,	4	50 -
Frank Hartshorn,	18	11 -
Joseph Currier,	9	99
Walter Batchelder,	99	05
Arthur Junkins,	7	50
James U. Prince,	11	00
Harry Boutell,	17	30
C. L. Coggin,	3	50
Fred Boutell,	7	05
C. M. Barrett,	1	5 0
John A. Hauson,	5	00
Peter Loiselle,	44	25
O. W. Legaessy,	53	85

C. A. Pettengale,	70 27	
Charles F. Wells,	9 00	
C. D. Hale,	21	
H. M. Parker,	80	
Charles Wheeler,	60	
N. D. Wright,	16 20	
Jesse R. Wilkins,	60	
Ira Worcester,	13 50	
E. K. Burtt,	18 05	
Wm. Goodale,	10 00	
Arthur Howison,	6 75	
Wm. S. Peaslee,	10 82	
H. J. West,	3 07	
Nathan Cady,	40 50	
C. E. Wilkins,	75	
C. D. Wilson,	9 17	
Milford Water Works,	5 00	
Charles Pherson,	3 25	
George Hanson,	10 80	
J. P. Fletcher,	23 70	
H. H. Belden,	40	
Frederick Ford,	1 30	
John Hadlock,	11 10	
H. T. Harvell,	4 50	
C. W. Dodge,	3 22	
Frank Chase,	1 00	
Horses,	304 60	
John H. Dodge,	174 63	
		\$1,864 32
G.		
Cr.		
By boards sold E. K. Burtt,	50	
" old bridge plank sold G. F. Hanson,	7 00	
" old iron sold	2 25	
" use of scraper,	6 50	
Received from Town,	1,788 07	
		\$1,804 32
SNOW BILLS.		
Daniel Peabody,	3 80	
Fred Hubbard,	1 84	
H. T. Harvell,	15 63	
12. 1. 12	1., 0.,	

Ralph Holbrook,	4 80	
J. Dickson,	1 99	
E. O. Willoby,	1 80	
Frank Shoren,	3 08	
H. W. Manning,	4 45	
W. L. Weston,	4 75	
C. D. Hale,	4 92	
T. S. Merrow,	14 60	
John Gould,	3 08	
J. E. Upton,	2.70	
Edward Carr,	1 05	
Daniel W. Trow,	3 80	
Wm. Pratt,	21 43	
John A. Hanson,	7 35	
Charles F. Wells,	2 55	
Frank Read,	2 25	
Oliver Carter,	2 50	
F. A. Holbrook,	3 35	
J. E. Fowle,	4 94	
Fred Boutell,	3 60	
Harry Boutell,	8 27	
W. H. Colston,	3 00	
Wm. Rhodes,	5 95	
C. M. Barrett,	5 80	
Chester Shipley,	2 00	
Henry Cochran,	39 02	
Frank Cady,	5 40	
J. F. Hanson,	11 45	
F. W. Noyes,	9 61	
H. J. West,	1 35	
G. K. Walker, No's. 1 and 8,	29 - 03	
Frederick Ford,	2 90	
George Colston,	1 35	
Nathan Cady,	1 35	
Harriet Hutchinson,	4 67	
Frank Chase,	4 10	
H. P. Odell,	1 35	
John Dodge,	15 95	
		\$272 81
SNOW ORDERS		

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\$37 82 37 53

13 75 183 71

272 81

JOHN H. DODGE,

Road Agent.

We have examined the above account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

REPORT OF POLICE COURT.

The town voted at its last annual meeting to establish a police court, and voted a salary of \$100 per annum to its justice. Agreeable to that vote the Governor appointed Aaron M. Wilkins as justice, the commission bearing date of May 12, 1896, and expiring Jan. 22, 1924. William D. Clark was appointed special justice June 10, 1896, his commission to expire Nov. 20, 1930.

It will be seen that this report practically covers nine months. The selectmen's room has served as court room thus far without any clashing of interests, and no clashing is anticipated in the future. During these nine months 19 cases, all of a criminal nature, have been before the court, and have been disposed of as follows:

Paid fines and costs,	-	16
Appealed,		1
Bound over to supreme court,		1
Discharged,		1

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

From fines and costs,	\$728 47	•
" complaint and warrant,	1 50	
		\$ 729 97

EXPENDITURES.

A. C. Decator, of	ficer's	s fees,	\$40	88
R. S. Boutelle,	44	"	38	37
G. H. Hodgman,	66	"	5	36
L. I. Minard,	66	"	5	21
R. D. Moore, cor	nplair	nt and warrant,	1	50

C. T. Crooker, complaint and warrant and wit-			
ness fees,	2	27	
J. J. Doyle, agent for S. Jewett, witness fees,	9	07	
F. A. Dodge, complaint and warrant, and one-			
half fine,	-26	50	
Use of telephone, case No. 9,		25	
F. C. Taylor, Town Treasurer,	600	56	
-		-—	\$729 97

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

Respectfully submitted,

AARON M. WILKINS, Justice.
WILLIAM D. CLARK, Special Justice.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON, Auditors.

Note.

It will be seen from the foregoing statement that all fines and witness fees have been paid direct from the court to those entitled to receive the same, and that \$600.56 has been paid to the Town Treasurer. The selectmen have drawn orders for salaries, seaprecord books, printing blanks, and receptacles for the same amouning to \$113.47, which, deducted from \$600.56, the amount paid the Town Treasurer, leaves \$487.09 the net proceeds of the court for the nine months ending Feb. 15, 1897.

Owing to the scarcity of public statutes, the justice has thus far used his own books for court business, but, it goes without saying, that the town should have a set at the court room whenever they can be found. Aside from these we anticipate no expense other than salaries for a long time to come.

Report of Trustees of the Spalding Fund.

In compliance with that clause in the will of the late Isaac Spalding, requiring the committhe or trustees to report at the annual meeting of the town of Amherst the condition of his bequest of \$10,000 for the benefit of common schools, the trustees desire to make the following report.

The income received for the calendar year 1896 has been as follows:

Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co.,	\$200	00	
Concord, N. H., water bonds,	105	00	
15 shares Peterboro Railroad stock,	60	00	
Central Savings bank, Lowell,	21	32	
			\$386 32

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By cash paid W. W. Sloan, treasurer board of education, \$386 32 Balance now in hands of trustees, \$10,000.

The investments are the same as reported one year ago, as follows:

Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Co., \$5,000 00

Concord city water bonds, registered, 3,000 00

15 shares Peterboro Railroad stock, 1,500 00

Central Savings bank, Lowell, Mass., 500 00

\$10,000 00

GEORGE W. BOSWORTH, FRANK HARTSHORN, WILLIAM PRATT,

Trustees of the Spalding Fund.

We have examined the securities of the above fund and find them as above stated.

C. D. WILSON,
J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

Campbell Cemetery Fund.

The trustees of said fund make the following report:

March 23, 1896. Received of George II. Campbell, Esq., four hundred dollars, being the bequest of his father, Hon. Charles II. Campbell, to the town of Amherst, the income to be used for cemetery improvement.

We have invested this money, taking a town note for the same, interest to be paid annually, said note bearing date April 15, 1896.

DANIEL A. FLETCHER, GEORGE W. BOSWORTH,

Trustees.

We have examined the above account and find it correctly east and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

Auditors.

Report of E. K. Burtt, Trustee of C. H. Nutt Cemetery Fund.

Dr.

To interest on fund,

\$12 00

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By cash paid cleaning stones, labor on lots, cash paid town, \$6 00 4 50 1 50

*12 00

E. K. BURTT, Trustee.

Амневят, Feb. 15, 1897.

We certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

C. D. WILSON, J. E. UPTON,

· Auditors,

REPORT OF

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY.

In submitting the seventeenth annual report of the Town Library, the Trustees are glad to announce a largely increased circulation of both books, and magazines, a fact which seems to indicate a growing interest in, and greater appreciation of the intellectual advantages provided.

To January 31, 1897, the number of books and periodicals issued was 4,080, an increase of 791 over the previous year. According to the Librarian's report, this is due in great measure to the added number, and growing popularity of the periodicals subscribed for, and also that each person has been allowed to take out as many books as were desired.

The families represented as patrons are 110. The number of volumes added to the Library during the past year has been 118, 61 by purchase, and the remainder as donations.

In many cases those purchased have been works of a more expensive character than it has always been the custom to buy.

It is with great pleasure that the trustees now publicly acknowledge the many gifts to the Library and with sincere gratitude that they thank the donors for their una-

bating interest in its welfare.

The reading room, by the kindness of friends, is also gradually becoming more attractive and the coming year will doubtless show a new appreciation of its purpose. In the matter of books, as in all others, the demand creates the supply, and it has been the aim of the trustees to meet the expressed wishes of the people in every case possible.

As of necessity, but a comparatively limited number can be bought, it only remains for them to urge each and every one to a continuation of that taste which demands but the purest and best of literature—A literature which is not approved by passing fancy alone, but which contains elements that will render it as valuable in the years to come as today.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY.

A large and handsome oak case to contain the bound files of the Farmers' Cabinet, from

JAMES W. TOWNE.

Life size crayon portrait of the late Dea, E. D. Boylston.

Mrs. WILLIAM WARREN. Mrs. H. C. Dodge, Mrs. Isaac Locke.

A chair formerly owned by the late Jeremiah Barnard, second minister of the Congregational church of Amherst, 1780—1835.

H. H. PARKHURST

The Proprietor's Record of Soughegan West, from Dec. 17th 1827 to Oct. 15th, 1770. The gift of the late Charles H. Campbell.

This is enclosed in a handsome oak case donated by his son, George H. Campbell, who has also presented us with thirty nine volumes of miscellaneous reading including many valuable works.

A study of Maria Edgeworth. Mrs. J. G. DAVIS.

Tom Grogan, Bird Craft, Mrs. G. A. Spalding.

The Gurneys of Earlham; 2 vols. Miss A. M. MEANS.

Manchester up to date, G. W. WILLEY.
The Red Badge of Courage, Mrs. HALSEY L. WOOD.

Mirthfulness, Miss L. R. Fletcher.

Thaddeus of Warsaw, Miss E. J. Stearns.

Numbers of the Farmers' Cabinet from 1891 to 1896, ISAAC B. DODGE, HENRY SECOMBE and others.

Life and Light, from 1878 to 1895, Miss Clara A. Weston.

History of 2nd N. H. Regt., Vol. History of 7th N. H. Regt. Vol. History of 9th Regt. Vol. Index of Council Records, 1631—1784. Mainual of the General Court, 1891. State papers and pamphlets, vol. 5. Pamphlets, John Sullivan. New Hampshire Men at Louisburg. Report of Commissioner of Education, 2 vols., from Department of Interior, Washington, D. C.

Address at dedication of Bradford, Vt., Public Library, July 4th, 1895, J. H. Benton, Jr.

Willy's Book of Nutfield,

E. J. UPTON.

Subscription to Farmers' Cabinet, W

W. B. ROTCH:

McClure's Magazine, 1896,

H. C. Dodge.

Munsey's, 1896,

Miss E. J. Stearns.

Ladies' Home Journal, 1897, Mrs. H. E. Buswell.

Magazines taken, Review of Reviews; Century; Harpers; New England; St. Nicholas; Cosmopolitan; Granite Monthly. Harper's Weekly has also been taken the past year.

The Board was organized by the choice of Rev. A. J. McGown president, and Mrs. W. D. Clark Secretary and Treasurer.

TRUSTEES.

J. E. Upton.
Mrs. G. W. Nichols,
A. M. Wilkins,
Miss L. R.Fletcher,
Rev. A. J. McGown,
Mrs. W. D. Clark,

Term expires Mar. 1898.

Term expires Mar. 1899.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Clark, duly audited, is herewith submitted.

Trustees of Amherst Town Library in Account with the Town of Amherst.

By balance in treasury,	\$ 4 09	
appropriation of town,	200 00	
sale of catalogues,	65	
fines,	4 96	
		\$209 70
To services of librarian,	\$ 50 00	
services of janitor,	15 00	
new books,	75 79	
supplies,	9 35	
magazines and Harper's Weekly,	23 40	
cleaning building,	3 75	
express,	3 65	
postage and incidentals,	1 80	
eash on hand for binding,	26 96	
		\$209 70

MRS. WILLIAM D. CLARK, Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing account and find it properly cast and correctly vouched.

J. E. UPTON, C. D. WILSON;

Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1896.

BIRTHS.

Jan. 1, a son to Frederick G. and Nettie M. Wing.

Jan. 15, Helen, a daughter to Harry E. and Kate M. Smith.

March 9, George Hammond, a son to Percy M. and Clara M. Odell. March 18, a son to Theophile and Albina Loiselle.

April 1, Annie Atherton, a daughter to John and Annie Dixon.

April 1, Bessie Lang, a daughter to Ernest and Lucinda Owen.

May 5, a son to Charles and Effie Pillsbury.

June 12, Olga Victoria, a daughter to Charles and Charlotte Phersons.

Aug. 2, a son to John C. K. and Nellie A. Smith.

Aug. 23, Philip J., a son to Terence and Bridget Clerkin.

Sept. 5, Willis Henry, a son to Henry W. and Sarah Manning.

Sept. 6, a daughter to Ande and Vienna M. Russell.

Sept. 9, a son to Hiram A. and Rachel C. Glover.

Sept. 11, Doris Lettie, a daughter to Wm. L. and Lettie K. Weston.

Sept. 30, Leon Kenneth, a son to Harry and Anna C. Boutelle.

Oct. 4, a son to George G. and Mary E. Jennison.

Oct. 11, Ernest Lincoln, a son to George L. and Minnie E. Newton.

Nov. 3, a son to Michael E. and Annie E. O'Neil.

Nov. 10, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodale.

Nov. 25, a son to Charles H. and Clara A. White.

Dec. 26, a sor to James and Maggie Doyle.

MARRIAGES.

- Feb. 12, William Warren of Westfield, Mass., and Helen B. Rotch of Amherst.
- April 8, Frank H. Hair of New Braintree, Mass., and Susie J. Chickering of Amherst.
- May 7, George E. Holbrook of Amherst and Lestina A. Richardson of Marlboro, N. H.
- June 29, Alpheus Stevens of Amherst and Ellen C. Greely of Salisbury, N. H
- June 30, Fred E. Cooley of South Hadley Falls and Ada M. Rhoads of Amherst.
- Oct. 24, George P. Boutelle and Hattie B. Tobin, both of Amherst. Dec. 2, Robert J. Atkinson and Eva B. Richards, both of Amherst.

DEATHS.

Jan. 5, Samuel Merrow, aged 84 years, 5 months.

Jan. 29, Deborah L. Buckley, aged 63 years.

Feb. 2, Abby Frances Holton, aged 31 years, 11 months, 13 days.

March 9, Harriet E. Caldwell, aged 73 years, 11 months, 3 days.

March 28, Theophile Loiselle, aged 10 days.

April 5, Melinda Thomas, aged 82 years, 5 months, 27 days.

April 6, Jane Green, aged 77 years. 7 months.

April 30, Laura M. Russ, aged 66 years, 5 months, 29 days.

May 11, Patrick Buckley, aged 70 years.

June 9, Julia Ann Shipley, aged 53 years, 1 month. 16 days.

June 24, Thomas W Richards, aged 78 years, 8 months.

July 10, Harry G. Parkhurst, aged 30 years, 3 months.

Aug. 29, Annie Hodgkiss Melendy, aged 50 years, 6 months, 11 days.

Sept. 8, Willis Henry Manning, aged 3 months, 3 days.

Oct. 4, infant son of George and Mary Jennison.

Oct. 14, Horace S. Boutelle, aged 74 years, 8 months, 20 days.

Dec. 11, Louise C. Eldredge, aged 83 years, 7 months, 25 days.

Dec 11, Laura E. Belden, aged 39 years, 3 months, 16 days.

Dec. 12, Hannah J. Hill, aged 67 years, 8 months.

Dec. 24, Keziah Bullard, aged 87 years, 10 months.

Persons brought to Amherst for burial during the year ending Dec. 31, 1896: Benjamin J. Boutwell, Alice Brown, Harriet Parker, Joseph H. Hollis, Edward Stewart, Rebecca Read, Annie J. McAlvin, William Stackpole, Mary Stevens, Luther Towne, Harriet M. Clark, Winifred E. Hayward.

W. D. CLARK, Town Clerk.





